



Acts to Revelation

Bible Course

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Lesson 13

Read Romans 8

Since there is such a struggle within the believer due to the “sin that dwelleth in me,” what is the solution? Who will deliver?

The Holy Spirit is mentioned many times in Romans 8. The believer cries after God, and His Spirit guides and intercedes to cover all the flaws and limitations of a human prayer, such weak cries, how could God hear them? We don't know even how or what to pray. Yet, His Church (His body) is more than conquerors, because they are under Christ their head.

1. To understand how emphatically we need the work of the Holy Spirit before and after justification, read Romans 8 (following) and, as you read, circle each mention of the Holy Spirit.
2. How many times was the Holy Spirit mentioned? _____
3. In chapter 7, the law was mighty to kill Paul. In this chapter, Paul says the law is weak, weak through the _____. What Paul means is that if I seek to keep it for my salvation, it is not good enough, but God in sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful _____ (Christ had to become man) was the strength that sinful man needs. In Christ, the righteousness of the law is _____ in us, who walk not after flesh, but after the _____ (Romans 8:1-5). Those in Christ, bear the fruit of righteousness by abiding in the True Vine. “Ye shall know them by their fruits” (Matt. 7:16).
4. List the many things Paul says about the flesh or carnal mindedness (Romans 8:6-8)
 - a. To be carnally minded is _____. (Contrast: to be spiritually minded is life and _____)

- b. The carnal mind is _____
against _____.
- c. The carnal mind is not subject to
_____.
- d. They in the flesh cannot _____
_____.

5. In the following verses, God (through Paul's writing) again emphasizes the work of the Holy Spirit living in a sinner's heart. When Paul comes to v. 12, he confesses that "we are _____, not to

the _____, for if we live after the flesh we shall _____, but the believer, through the Spirit, is to _____ the deeds of the body (v.9-13). John Owen said, "Be killing sin or it will be killing you." How does the Spirit help? The Spirit alerts to sin (conscience), teaches you to grieve over sin (becomes repulsive), and gives strength to fight sin.

6. Next, Paul reminds the Roman Christians what they have: (Romans 8: 14-16)

- a. If they are led by the Spirit of God, they are (not becoming) the: _____ of _____
- b. They have not received (from God) the spirit of _____ again to fear, but the Spirit of _____.
- c. This Spirit puts in their hearts the cry as a little child who cries: _____.
- d. The (Holy) Spirit bears witness with their spirit that they are: _____ of _____.
- _____.
- The direct testimony of the Spirit is a powerful application of His Word so persuasively that you cannot deny that you are a child of God.

Halt! About Face! Forward March!



Before conversion our back is to God.

Halt: God stops a sinner.

About Face: Initial conversion, regeneration, new birth, new heart, justification. A sinner is turned from self and Satan to Christ through the Spirit.

Forward March: Sanctification. This includes an ongoing mortifying of the old man (daily striving to put sin to death) and quickening of the new man (humble thankfulness for the experience of forgiveness, sincere joy of heart, joy in Christ, joy in service).

Why do even believers need help?

1. There is a real battle requiring a continual war with sin, v. 13 (the Spirit frees from the mastery of sin, v. 2).
2. There is a real death, the last enemy (the Spirit assures of the resurrection, v.11).
3. There are real doubts (the Spirit assures of adoption, v. 14,16).
4. There are real struggles to sincerely and submissively pray (the Spirit intercedes, v. 26).

7. They are _____ of God and joint- _____ with Christ.
(The believer has a great inheritance.)
8. Knowing these things, the believer can suffer many things in the present. These small sufferings (though they be painful and hurtful to the body), cannot be compared to the _____ that shall be revealed to His Church (v. 18) .
9. Because of sin, the whole _____ groaneth and travaileth in pain.
The Church waits for the adoption, or the _____ of the body.
(God is not just concerned with our soul. He is also concerned with our body.)
Earthly sufferings are for a short time compared to eternity, but we must patiently hope.
But hope that is _____ is not hope (v. 22-24)
10. Many times we pray that suffering be removed from us. When the believer struggles with what the will of the Lord is or feels how weak his prayer is. The (Holy) Spirit helps our infirmities in _____. The (Holy) Spirit makes _____ for us with groanings, which cannot be _____ (spoken). The child of God is assured that the Spirit makes intercession (on his behalf) according to the _____ of God (Romans 8: 26,27).
11. When evil comes to the believer, he knows that all things work together for good to them that _____ God, to them who are the called (inward call) according to his purpose.
12. God never does a half a work. What he begins he finishes. For whom God did foreknow, he also did _____ to be conformed to the image of his _____ ... and whom he did predestinate, them he also called (inward call of salvation)... and whom he called, them he also _____: and whom he _____, them he also _____ (Romans 8: 29-30).

This election was not founded upon foreseen faith, and the obedience of faith, holiness, or any other good quality or disposition in man, as the pre-requisite, cause or condition on which it depended; but men are chosen to faith and to the obedience of faith, holiness, etc., therefore election is the fountain of every saving good; from which proceed faith, holiness, and the other gifts of salvation, and finally eternal life itself.
(Canons of Dordt, Head 1, Art 9)

13. The focus of many modern Christians is whether or not they are for God. But Paul turns this around. If God be for us, who can be _____ us? God shows the initiative. He that _____ not his own Son, why would he not give all things to His Church? Who can lay anything to the charge of God's _____? If they do (as Satan often does), they have to contend with God, the Son.

Perseverance of Saints:
God does not do a partial work. God will perfect the work He has begun. God's children cannot lose their salvation.

14. Earlier Paul spoke of the Holy Spirit, now he turns our attention to the Son... that He died, and is risen again... and is now at the right hand of God, who makes _____ for us. How I need to be a part of this Church. There is nothing that can _____ Christ from his Church. Paul list tribulation, distress, famine, nakedness, persecution, peril and _____, but none of these things can separate Christ from his Church (Romans 8: 31-36).

15. In the last part of this chapter, Paul says of the Church that they are more than _____ through him (Christ) that loved us. Notice Paul put this in the present tense. Though Satan is not yet thrown in the lake of fire, yet the victory is already won on the cross. "Neither death nor _____, nor angels, nor principalities, nor _____, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the _____ of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8: 37-39). God is infinitely greater than any enemy!

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